



Food Pantry and Clothing
Serving the Community Since 1975

NEWS

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To all of our Volunteers, Donors and Friends

Our blessings and thanks to you and your families during this holiday season.

Warmest regards,
Jack Trotter
President

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Donations

Amidst the excitement and activity of receiving and shelving donations, the volunteers always try to get a picture and basic information. Any omissions are not intentional.

Le Cercle Charmant

Le Cercle Charmant ladies were delighted to donate over 20 bags of Food to FISH on Tuesday, 11/15/22, from our members.

We regret Billie is no longer there to receive our donations as she has done for many years! Our organization has provided services to the citizens and students of this community since its inception in October, 1944!!

During these challenging times, we are pleased to continue our Thanksgiving Project to FISH!

To all the volunteers, thanks for your service and have a safe and blessed holiday!

Liz Montgomery, President
Alzen White, Project Chair



Bruton Parish Episcopal Church

This is a representative sample of the 182-bag donation from Bruton Parish on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The members also stayed and helped stock shelves.



Cox-Powell Corporation

Cox-Powell donated \$500 to pay for frozen turkeys from the Food Bank, plus the employees conducted a canned food drive in mid-November. They also helped unpack and stock shelves.





Colonial Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Quilts made by members and donated to FISH November 2022

Mary Ellen Theroux, FISH volunteer who focuses on housewares, especially bed linens, accepts the quilts from Dave Banks, also a volunteer who delivered the quilts.

We discovered a heartwarming message embroidered on each quilt:
"Made with Love"



Colonial Heritage

Generous donation from Colonial Heritage



Williamsburg Landing

Generous donation from Williamsburg Landing



Thank You



Anonymous Donors

Every year anonymous donors gather and package items as Christmas stockings for the children and Christmas baskets for the adults to brighten the holidays for FISH clients.



St. Stephen's PreSchool

These preschoolers and their mother joyfully share items collected at their preschool.



Waller Mill After-School Program

Contributions from the children and staff of the Waller Mill After-School Program.



Powhatan Secondary of Williamsburg

Powhatan Secondary held a food and blanket drive on Saturday, November 5, to benefit FISH, and later delivered a huge vanload of clothing, bedding and food items.

We are grateful for these much needed items for the winter season.

From the Treasurer

2022 Tax Letters:

The FISH Treasurer will mail tax letters, recognizing the total of your 2022 monetary donations, after the first of the year.

Historically, FISH issues only one receipt per year, covering the total amount donated.

Where to send checks:

Please use the new mailing address when donating by check: 312 Second Street, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Our Leader at Work



While Jack appears to be "dumpster diving", he actually was trying to tamp down the trash to get more in!

Proof that our President will do most anything for FISH!

Holiday Closings

FISH will be closed on the following days:

- December 26 (Monday)
- January 2, 2023 (Monday)

Donating Made Easy

Online donations may be made by clicking this Donate button

Donate



or scanning this QR code



To scan a QR code:

- Open your cellphone's camera.
- Focus the camera on this QR code.
- Follow the instructions on your phone screen to complete the action.

Also, when shopping through the AmazonSmile program, a portion of your purchase price will be donated to FISH. Click the amazonsmile button below to start shopping.



Another convenient option is to donate through the [Target Wish List Registry](#)



All donations directly support FISH services to our neighbors in need.

Volunteer Spotlight

WHAT IS THE BEST GIFT? SIMPLY SERVICE

Gary Sadler, Clothes Closet

Q1. Why did you choose to volunteer at FISH?

A1. In 2015, Don Butts (who also volunteers) and I were ushering at church and I told him I was looking for opportunities to volunteer and serve in the community. He suggested FISH and introduced me to Billie Johnston who was the Clothing Coordinator for the Clothes Closet at that time; and the rest is history. Billie, Mary K., Mary A., Joan, Mary Ellen and many others patiently showed me how to sort, second sort, size, label, fold and hang clothing the "FISH Way".



Q2. What do you find most rewarding about FISH?

A2. Working alongside so many wonderful volunteers who come in week after week, working tirelessly to make a positive impact on others' lives. I come from a family who taught me the value of service. It's just what you did--serve in the church, country and community, helping others, and realizing all the positive outcomes that accompany service.

Q3. Do you have a specific experience while volunteering at FISH that you would like to share?

A3. A couple of months ago a gentleman was in the Clothes Closet and needed a tie. He didn't know how to tie it, so his escort came into the sorting room and asked me if I could help. I introduced myself to him and tied the tie he selected, then showed him how to tie the tie for the future. His "thank you" and the smile on his face reminds me to this day why we all work at FISH.

Q4. Is there anything else you would like others to know about you?

A4. My wife, Maureen, and I moved to Williamsburg in 2015, when I retired after 10 years as Commandant of Cadets at Randolph-Macon Academy. Prior to that, I had retired after 30 years as an Air Force officer and fighter pilot.

We have three children and four grandchildren.

When not at FISH, I volunteer weekly at the Liberty Lounge in Colonial Williamsburg, and as a docent and presenter at The American Revolution Museum in Yorktown.

For fun, I love to work in my yard and garden, and I'm an engineer on the three steam locomotives at Busch Gardens 2-3 days a week.